



Rule Up For Discussion

Proposed Repealer to

WAC 230-20-052

Transportation provided to bingo players.

ITEM 15 (a) on the September 12, 2003, Commission Meeting Agenda.

Statutory Authority 9.46.070

Who proposed the rule change?

Staff.

Why is this rule change needed?

Historically, the transportation of bingo players has been considered a gift and therefore, not allowed. In 1996, the bingo industry requested the ability to provide transportation to their players. Bingo operators also expressed concerns about the potential for competing operators transporting players out of the county and/or away from their games. As a result, this rule was written to allow bingo operators to provide transportation to players once a week, from out of Washington state. Several months ago, Commissioner Ludwig asked staff to review the agency's philosophy behind this rule.

Staff have reviewed the concept behind this restriction and have determined regulatory concerns are not sufficient to continue with the restriction. Staff recommends allowing bingo operators unrestricted opportunity to transport players to their games. Therefore, this rule is up for repeal.

Statements against the proposed rule change.

None at this time.

Which licensees will be directly impacted?

Bingo Licensees.

What are the potential impacts to the agency?

Minimal.

Staff recommendation.

Further discussion.

Proposed effective date.

January 1, 2004.



Rule Up For Discussion

Proposed Amendments to

WAC 230-12-050

Extension of credit, loans, or gifts prohibited – Limited exception.

ITEM 15 (b) on the September 12, 2003, Commission Meeting Agenda.	Statutory Authority 9.46.070
Who proposed the rule change?	
Staff.	
Why is this rule change needed?	
<p>Housekeeping: This rule was amended to include transportation of players to and from gambling activities as a gift from the bingo operator to the player.</p>	
Statements against the proposed rule change.	
None at this time.	
Which licensees will be directly impacted?	
Bingo operators.	
What are the potential impacts to the agency?	
Minimal.	
Staff recommendation.	
Further discussion.	
Proposed effective date.	
January 1, 2004.	



Rule Up For Discussion

Proposed Amendment to
WAC 230-20-050
Use of Proceeds.

ITEM 15 (c) on the September 12, 2003, Commission Meeting Agenda.	Statutory Authority 9.46.070
Who proposed the rule change?	
Staff.	
Why is this rule change needed?	
<p>Housekeeping: To remove reference to transporting bingo players. Furthermore, staff rewrote the rule so that it is clearer and easier to understand.</p> <p><u>Change after the August Meeting:</u></p> <p>We have received questions about whether licensees need to obtain prior approval <u>each</u> time they wish to give funds to a specific person. This sometimes occurs when an organization is trying to raise funds for someone who has had an accident or some type of loss (house fire, etc), even though that organization's usual purposes are not to provide such services. We are continuing to look at this and may have a revised rule next month.</p>	
Statements against the proposed rule change.	
None at this time.	
Which licensees will be directly impacted?	
Charitable and Nonprofit Licensees.	
What are the potential impacts to the agency?	
Minimal.	
Staff recommendation.	
Further discussion.	
Proposed effective date.	
January 1, 2004.	



Rule Up For Discussion

Proposed Repealer to

WAC 230-20-190

Bingo card prices.

ITEM 15 (d) on the September 12, 2003, Commission Meeting Agenda.

Statutory Authority 9.46.070

Who proposed the rule change?

Staff.

Why is this rule change needed?

In 2000, a rules package was adopted by the Commission to streamline promotions related to gambling activities. At that time, WAC 230-12-045 (copy attached) was adopted, which outlined the restrictions relating to promotions related to gambling activities. This rule is up for repeal as free play for bingo players is addressed in WAC 230-12-045.

Statements against the proposed rule change.

None at this time.

Which licensees will be directly impacted?

Bingo licensees.

What are the potential impacts to the agency?

Minimal.

Staff recommendation.

Further discussion.

Proposed effective date.

January 1, 2004.



Rule Up For Discussion

Proposed Amendment to

WAC 230-20-242

Activities conducted as part of bingo games – Authorization – Restrictions.

ITEM 15 (e) on the September 12, 2003, Commission Meeting Agenda.	Statutory Authority 9.46.070
Who proposed the rule change?	
Staff.	
Why is this rule change needed?	
<p>Housekeeping: In 2000, a rules package was adopted by the Commission to streamline promotions related to gambling activities. At that time, WAC 230-12-045 was adopted, which outlined restrictions to promotions related to gambling activities.</p> <p>Two provisions in this rule, Creativity and Originality Contests (Subsection (2)), and Birthday Prizes (Subsection (5)), are now covered by WAC 230-12-045. Therefore, staff recommends removing these subsections from the rule.</p>	
Statements against the proposed rule change.	
None at this time.	
Which licensees will be directly impacted?	
Bingo Licensees.	
What are the potential impacts to the agency?	
Minimal.	
Staff recommendation.	
Further discussion.	
Proposed effective date.	
January 1, 2004.	